



**DATE:** November 12, 2014

**TO:** Washington State Board of Health Members

**FROM:** Keith Grellner, Environmental Health Committee Chair

**SUBJECT:** BREIFING – UPDATES TO WAC 246-282-006, VIBRIO PARAHAEMOLYTICUS CONTROL PLAN

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**Background and Summary:**

The Washington State Board of Health has responsibility under chapter 69.30 RCW to adopt rules controlling the sanitary growing and distribution of molluscan shellfish. The Board rules provide regulatory guidance for the commercial harvesting and distribution of molluscan shellfish (clams, oysters, scallops, and mussels) under [Chapter 246-282 WAC](#).

On November 29, 2012, the Board filed a Pre-proposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to begin the process of considering a revision to WAC 246-282-006, Washington state *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* (Vp) control plan. The Department of Health formed an advisory workgroup to develop recommendations to the Board. The workgroup's rule recommendations are nearing completion.

Rick Porso with the Office of Shellfish and Water Protection is here to present a briefing that describes the department's work, the workgroup's recommendations, and to answer questions from the Board.

**Recommended Board Action:**

None.

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